



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Hollister Police Arrest Two Suspects After Vehicle Pursuit



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HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *June 7, 2010* – On June 6, 2010 at approximately 7:45 p.m., Hollister police officers attempted to stop a stolen vehicle. The driver did not stop and led police in a pursuit. Hollister police eventually arrested two suspects with assistance by California Highway Patrol officers and San Benito County Sheriff's deputies.

On June 6, 2010, Officer Bo Leland was patrolling in the area of Fifth Street and East Street. Officer Leland conducted a license plate check on a 1997 Honda Civic occupied by two individuals. The check of the license plate revealed the vehicle was stolen from San Jose. Officer Leland attempted to stop the car but the driver did not yield and attempted to elude police.

Additional Hollister police officers joined the pursuit as it continued onto the San Benito Street extension south of Nash Road, where it reached speeds of up to 70 mph. The suspect vehicle turned into a field off of San Benito Street south of Cienega Road. The vehicle became stuck and the driver fled through the field on foot. The passenger in the suspect vehicle then moved over to the driver's seat. Officer Leland, who was now out of his patrol car, ordered the suspect out of the vehicle. The suspect placed the vehicle into reverse and accelerated toward Officer Leland, nearly striking him.

The suspect vehicle then raced through the field and eventually onto Sunset Drive. Officers found the car crashed into a fence in front of Hazel Hawkins Hospital. The 17-year-old driver was arrested as he attempted to flee the scene. He was booked into San Benito County Juvenile Hall, charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, fleeing a police officer in a reckless manner, resisting/obstructing a peace officer, possession of dirk or dagger and assault with a deadly weapon.

Officers returned to the area of San Benito Street near Union Road and with assistance from the CHP and San Benito County Sheriff's Office found and arrested the original driver. He was identified as Inderjeet Singh Bajwa, 23, of San Jose. Bajwa was booked into San Benito County Jail on charges of possession of a stolen vehicle, fleeing a police officer in a reckless manner and resisting/obstructing a peace officer.

The Hollister Police Department is asking anyone with information about this case to call Officer Bo Leland at 636-4330. Persons wishing to remain anonymous can call the National **WeTIP** Anonymous Hotline at **1-(800)-78-CRIME**. Information provided to WeTIP may be eligible for a reward.

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